

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

3-202

Application of: BAUER *et al.*

Application No.: 08/659,056

Group Art Unit: 3724

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Examiner: Clark F. Dexter

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
CUTTING BODIES HAVING NON-
CIRCULAR CROSS SECTION

Attorney Docket No.: 8932-309

AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 5, 2001, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above-identified application:

In the Claims:

A marked up version of the rewritten claims, showing insertions and deletions, is included in Appendix A. A clean set of all pending claims is attached as Appendix B. Please amend the claims to read as follows:

19. (Amended) A bone plate cutting assembly for shearing by transverse forces a bone plate having a non-circular cross-section and a longitudinal axis, comprising:
a first shearing element comprising
a handle for manipulation of the first shearing element; and
a first head attached to the handle and having a front face, a back face, and at least one outer surface, the first head having a slot through the front and back faces and extending from the outer surface towards an interior of the first head; and
a second shearing element comprising
a handle for manipulation of the second shearing element; and
a second head attached to the handle and having a front face, a back face, and at least one outer surface, the second head having a slot through the front and back faces and extending from the outer surface towards an interior of the second head;